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BIRD CLUB LOYALTY NIGHT

Monday, March 31st is BIRD CLUB LOYALTY NIGHT. On that evening Howard L. Orians of Milwaukee will present a film which promises to be one of the most beautiful we have ever had. "Lakelore" follows the lives of the wilderness creatures in and around the Great Lakes, through all the seasons. His natural color motion pictures of waterfowl and other birds and animals during deepest winter are said to be among the finest ever taken.

This year the Club's Board of Directors hope that funds derived from the response to the Loyalty Night appeal can be devoted chiefly to special projects in the interest of nature study and wildlife conservation which we have long wished to sponsor. It is hoped, particularly, that Club members will make it possible, through their contributions, for the St. Louis Bird Club to send one or more of its members to the Audubon Nature Camp or Nature Center as special scholarship awards. Bird clubs, garden clubs, and nature societies in other communities have been following this practice for several years now; and the results have been most gratifying. This is but one of many ways in which we ought to expand our activities. If you have not already mailed in your LOYALTY NIGHT contribution, you may still do so; or, if you prefer, you may hand it in at the LOYALTY NIGHT meeting. Be sure to attend this magnificent "Lakelore" program. Monday, March 31, 8:15 p. m., at Soldan High School.

ROGER TORY PETERSON

To nature lovers this name needs no further commendation. Through his 'Field Guide' Roger Tory Peterson is an old friend of most of us. This is his first lecture tour in several years; and we are fortunate to have him with us in person for the final program of this season's Audubon Screen Tours. His subject, "Field Guide to the Familiar" will serve as a reminder of the charm and pleasure to be had from the familiar, common, everyday things in the world of nature. It will be illustrated, of course, with a splendid glowing color motion picture. Tuesday, April 22, Soldan High School Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

FOREST PARK BIRD WALKS

Now that spring is here, St. Louisians are again looking forward to the Bird Club's traditional Sunday morning walks in Forest Park. This year they will be held on the last two Sundays in April, and the first two in May. Each year, of course, the success of these walks is due to the wonderful cooperation of loyal Club members who serve as leaders—and to them we are most grateful. We offer these walks as an educational service. Invite your friends to come along.

No experience or special knowledge is necessary in order to attend. Just show up at Jefferson Memorial at 7:30 a. m. Sunday, April 20 and 27, May 4 and 11. Bring opera glasses or binoculars, if you can. Do come—They are lots of fun!!





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A LOOK AT BIRDS

On Friday, April 11, do come and join Wayne Short, Club president, and other members of the Club for "A Look at Birds", at the Academy of Science, 4642 Lindell. It is to be an "open house" evening, between 7:30 and 10. Wayne Short is an authority on native birds. Featured, of course, will be the Hurter collection of mounted specimens. Timed almost at the peak of the migration season, this will be a splendid opportunity for aid and practice in bird identification. It will be a good chance, too, to get acquainted with the Academy of Science, if you have not already done so. It is a sincere aim of the St. Louis Bird Club to help build this growing organization into the strong, important institution which we trust it will some day be.

Remember the time and place of this meeting: Friday, April 11, 7:30 to 10 p. m. Academy of Science, 4642 Lindell.

"AUDIO-VISUAL" MEETING

The March 7 Local Program by Elizabeth Golterman and Marvin Beckmann was a tremendous success, as all who attended agreed. Their 'open house' at the Division of Audio-Visual Education was so well planned and so well arranged that the evening flew by before one could take advantage of all there was to see and hear. The mounted specimens, the bird song records, slides, motion pictures, paintings, prints, and film strips—all these educational aids which are available to St. Louis school children attracted eager attention.

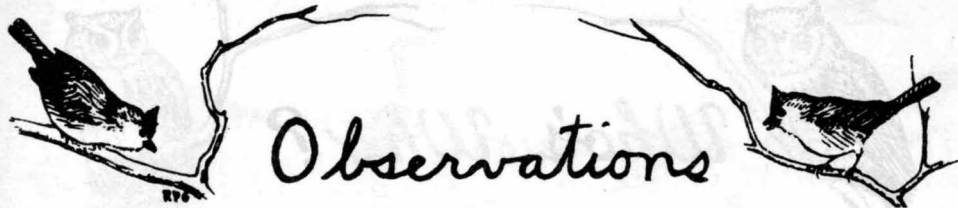
Yet to many Club members the highlight of the evening was the opportunity to see for the first time on public exhibit the L. R. Ernst collection of natural science books and photographs. This collection, now owned by Miss Lucy Elliott, has been formally offered and accepted as a loan to the Division of Audio-Visual Education, of the St. Louis Board of Education. In so doing Miss Elliott has aimed to make this collection, perhaps the most outstanding of its kind in the middle west, available for reference, research, and browsing, by all serious bird students, in a location where they would be well cared for and easily accessible. These books and photographs are available for use at any time during the regular schedule of the Division, upon request. Miss Elliott, in setting up this memorial exhibit of the L. R. Ernst collection, plans to continue adding to it important new natural science books, as they appear. Members of the Club are sincerely grateful to Miss Elliott for making the resources of this distinguished collection available for use of bird students in the St. Louis area.

LOCAL PROGRAM

April 11—"A Look at Birds": Wayne Short, Academy of Science, 4632 Lindell.
May 19—ANNUAL MEETING. "Out-of-doors in New England". Carl W. Buchheister. Brown Hall, Washington University.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS

March 31—"Lakelore": Howard L. Orians of Milwaukee.
April 22—"Field Guide to the Familiar": Roger Tory Peterson of New York.
All Screen Tours at Soldan High School, 8:15 p. m.



On February 16 a golden eagle was observed in St. Charles county, at Marais Temps Clair, by Beulah Bedell, Ellen Cone and Frances Pickel. This is a rare bird for us.

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Two outstanding duck finds: On Saturday March 1, Bob Knickmeyer, Earl Comfort, Kurt Wesseling, Jr. and Kurt Wesseling, Sr. saw a male old squaw duck at Weber Lake, St. Charles. Then on the following day Bob Knickmeyer observed a female old squaw at Horse-shoe Lake, Illinois; and a white-winged scoter, male. The scoter was watched through 8 power binoculars and 35 power telescope, from a distance of 50 yards.

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Tree swallows were seen for the first time this season on March 15, (which happens to be the first date listed by the Jones check list).

On March 12 Jack Van Benthuyssen spotted a barn owl at Kenrick Seminary at Webster Groves. He saw it flying high; and then saw it settle in a tree. It will be interesting to discover if it resides in the vicinity, and if so, where. Jack is going ahead with some sleuthing, now.

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A certain group of Club members are accustomed to pay a call each year on the first Sunday in March to a certain west side woods, where they are received by a very retiring pair of woodcock. This year, perhaps due to the stormy weather at the time, the reception was delayed two weeks, until March 15.

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In an article published in The Bluebird, Earl Comfort reports on the increase during recent years in the numbers of bald eagles in the St. Louis area, particularly at Creve Coeur and in St. Charles County near the Mississippi River.

SPRING CENSUS MAY 4

Put a big red ring around Sunday May 4 on your calendar, right now. That is the day for 1947 Spring Census. And we have a high mark to aim at: Last year's record-breaking figure of 184 different species seen in one day. We are looking forward to a large turnout that day, covering the territory within a 50 mile radius of St. Louis. The plan of the past

two years, of having the Census in conjunction with one of the Forest Park walks, has worked out so satisfactorily that we are following it again this year. May 4 will be the day of the third Forest Park walk; and it is estimated that it comes at the very peak of the migration season, for the St. Louis area.

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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST CLOSES APRIL 1

This contest, set up through the generosity of a Club member, offers prizes totaling \$70.00 in all. It is open to all residents within 50 miles of St. Louis.

Adult prizes: First, \$25.00; second, \$15.00; third, \$10.00.

Children under 15: First prize, \$10.00; second and third prizes \$5.00 each.

Entries may be delivered or mailed to Club president Wayne Short, 1207 North Seventh Street, St. Louis, Mo.



Who's Who?



We extend our warm welcome to the following members who have been recorded for the 1946-47 season as our bulletin goes to press: Mrs. Nina Archer, Russell Barbeau, Harland Bartholomew, C. E. Biehler, Ralph F. Bixby, Dorothy H. Blair, Mrs. H. J. Bock, Miss Leona Bockelbrink, Bernard Boerger, Miss Doris Borgstede, Miss Frances Borgstede, Miss Emily Boulicault, Miss Anne Boyd, Miss Sally Boyd, Mrs. Oliver W. Branneky, Miss Clarice K. Breiding, Mrs. E. L. Brockhan, Miss Lina A. Buehrmann, Mrs. Henry Bush, Dr. Sheila Callender, Miss Martha A. Clark, Mrs. John Conzelman, Beatrice M. Davis, Mrs. Grace Dawson, Bernard Dell, B. Doerre, Mrs. B. Doerre, George M. Douglas, Mrs. Adele J. Elsner, Mrs. Sybilla Evans, Mrs. Edward Ford, Miss Marie Gaffron, George L. Gaston,

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DR. ALFRED M. BAILEY

On February 21, Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, long a favorite with St. Louis audiences, presented a distinctive motion picture program on "Where the West Begins". Outstanding were his shots of sharp-tail grouse doing their springtime dance; bald eagles nesting high on a cliff; handsome western birds such as the yellow-headed blackbird; and amusing fishing adventures. But most unusual were his studies of mountain sheep, with their pugilistic tendencies.

Dr. Bailey was introduced by Dean

William G. Bowling of Washington University, Club member, and Director.

While in St. Louis, Dr. Bailey was the guest of Stratford Lee Morton, President of the Academy of Science, visiting various civic cultural centers. In a letter to Mr. Morton, which was prominently quoted by local newspapers, Dr. Bailey stated that St. Louis should have a modern museum of natural history, which would doubtless attract over 1,000,000 visitors annually.

FINE OUTDOOR PROGRAM AT ROCKWOODS

The Missouri Conservation Commission offers a diversified outdoor program this year at Rockwoods Reservation, at Glencoe, Highway 50, St. Louis County. Special activities on Sundays and holidays, from April through November, include rambles, explorations, hikes, bird walks, camera tours, moonlight hikes, star gazing, insect hunting, (bug hunting,

to you) 'motor caravan' trips, and illustrated talks. This schedule is so varied, and looks so interesting that we suggest you send a penny postcard to Rockwoods Reservation, Glencoe, Missouri, asking for a copy of the complete program for the 1947 season. Furthermore we suggest that you stop thinking about going on that outing trip. GET OUT AND GO!

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	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Shall this observance take the form of an International Exposition in which all nations are invited to participate?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Please mail this card to Wayne Short, 1207 N. Seventh St. St. Louis, or hand it in at the March 31 Screen Tour program at Soldan High School.